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Dear Sirs

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I enclose two copies of my search report relating to claims 89-94.

This search is in response to the further Patents Form 9/77 filed on 20 August 2001.

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Documents considered to be relevant:

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